

## REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 1-2 and 5-9 because these claims contained objectionable dashes and dots. The Applicant has amended the claims to remove the dashes and dots as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 29-31 are duplicative of claims 26-28. Likewise claims 18-21 are duplicative of claims 10-13 and claims 20-25 are duplicative of claims 14-17. Although the Applicant admits that the wording is slightly different, the slight difference is significant. The dual sets of claims cover the embodiments shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Figure 1 discloses a first body coupled to a base and a second body coupled to a first body. Figure 2 discloses first and second bodies coupled to the base. By way of example independent claim 10 recites a first body coupled to a base and a second body coupled to a first body which corresponds to Figure 1. Claim 18 recites both the first and second bodies being coupled to the base which relates to Figure 2. The Applicant submits that these claims are not duplicative.

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for lacking antecedence to a "floor". The Applicant has amended the claims to correct this deficiency.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the specification does not provide a "real world use." The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Page 18 of the specification clearly states that the device can be used for "fast XY tables used in microelectronics, to machine tools, to conveyors, to robots, etc." The Application clearly provides a real world use of the invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 14, 18 and 22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,438,461. The

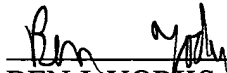
Applicant is enclosing herein a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the '461 patent. The Applicant has amended the application to claim priority to the '461 patent. The Applicant therefore submits that the '461 patent is no longer prior and can not be used as a ground of rejection to claims 9-20.

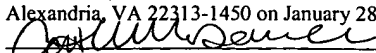
In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-31 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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